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TOPIC **Military Activities in Brandenburg and Potsdam**

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On ~~25 August~~ **25 August 1955**, the **Flak Kaserne (2002)** in Brandenburg was occupied by a rear detail of 40 to 50 soldiers.<sup>1</sup> Some buildings were being reconditioned. The units were expected to return in late September.<sup>2</sup>
2. Between 0020 and 0140 on 27 August, the units from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg were alerted and transferred. ~~Units~~ elements of the units were observed since they left the installation through both gates. Materiel observed included 9 x 122-mm field howitzers, 8 field offices, 6 office trailers, 91 trucks, 6 field kitchens, 2 tank trucks, 2 sedans, and 1 jeep. Between 0520 and 0530, the following materiel was entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station: 6 two-load 203-mm guns, 13 tractors with T-34 chassis and 1 field office. Judging from noises, additional tractors with T-34 chassis and guns were parked near the station during the loading. After 27 August, a rear detail of some 10 officers and 200 soldiers was observed in the installation.<sup>3</sup>
3. After 20 August, the south and north sections of the Delius Kaserne (2269) in Potsdam appeared to be occupied to capacity again. The units apparently returned from Altengrabow a short time prior to 20 August. On 27 August, intensive activity was observed in the south section; 20 prime movers were stored in the yard. Supply officer Lieutenant Colonel Desachikov was identified in connection with the south section and Major or Lieutenant Colonel Nevereshilov in connection with the north section of Delius Kaserne.<sup>4</sup>
4. On 27 August, the Hohenlehe Kaserne (2291) in Potsdam was occupied by a rear detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Preparations in the installation indicated that the units were to return soon. The artillery division headquarters believed to be stationed there, was still absent. The headquarters allegedly included one Colonel Kocherga who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.
5. On 27 August, the Ludendorff Kaserne (2292) in Potsdam was occupied by only a rear detail. Preparations for the return of the units were observed. Colonel ~~Vukobran~~ **Vukobran** who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia ~~was~~ definitely belonged to the installation.<sup>5</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates that the 20th Army AS Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army stationed there was still absent from the post in late August, probably in the Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz in the Letzing Heath.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Similar indications were reported from the Perleberg post of the 18th Meos Div, at which locality the units were expected to return between 18 and 20 September.
3. [REDACTED] Comment. Elements of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig of the 6th Arty Div, stationed there returned on 5 trains from Altengrabow on 26 July. The present report tends to indicate that the bulk of the brigade again left by road and rail on 27 August.
4. [REDACTED] Comment. The north section of the Delius Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig of the 34th Arty Div. which transferred to Altengrabow on 20/21 July. [REDACTED] Between that date, and 19 August, the installation had continually been reported as vacant [REDACTED] No confirmatory information on the return of the brigade by road or rail has been received. The south section of the installation is believed to be occupied by the u/i Gun Arty Brig of the 34th Arty Div, which returned (apparently the bulk of the unit) from Altengrabow on 20/21 July. [REDACTED] the installation continually occupied between that date and 19 August.
5. [REDACTED] Comment. The 148th Gun Arty Brig from the Hohenlohe and Ludendorff Kasernen has been stationed at Altengrabow since early July. The Hq 34th Arty Div. is carried in the south section of Delius Kaserne.
6. [REDACTED] Comment. The officer names, which were transmitted phonetically, are unknown.

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